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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-9,16,29-35 and 48-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17 and 64 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-9,16,29-35 and 48-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/20/04 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the ground of rejection.

Applicant has withdrawn claims 17 and 64.

Claims 1, 5-9, 16, 29-35, 48-51 are now present for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russo US patent 5,619,247 and further in view of Walters et al. US patent 5,440,334.

As per claim 1, Russo teaches a method of distributing movies comprising:

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transmitting plural movies to plural customer households
[inherent];

permitting the customer to record and playback any of the
recorded movies [col.4 to col.5];

recorded music selections [col.7 line 56 "audio program"];

communicating playback information to a central controller
system and using the information for billing the customer for only
the movies that are played back for viewing [col.5 lines 1-5,
col.6 lines 25-32].

Russo does not teach a system where the movies are
transmitted faster than real-time to the customers. In similar
field of invention, Walters teaches that it is advantageous to
compress video and audio programs in time-compressed format so as
to enable transmission of the program faster than real-time to the
customer for storage [see col.2 lines 12-27, col.7 lines 8-14].
Hence, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the
art to combine the teaching of Walters with Russo for the many
advantageous as discloses by Walters. (See Walters col. 7 lines 8
to 60).

As per claim 16, Russo teaches using satellite [col.6 line
16].

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Claim 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russo and Walters, and further in view of Rabowsky US patent 6,141,530.

As per claim 5, Russo and Walters do not teach encoding the movies with data permitting playback only on device with compatible decoding means. However, in similar field of movie transmission, Rabowsky teaches Control Assess System so as to permit only authorized playback (see col.6 lines 5-23, col.6 line 58 to col.7 line 4). Hence, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Rabowsky with Russo and Walters because it would have improved the security of the system and reduced pirating.

Claims 6-9, 29-35, 48-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russo, Walters and Rabowsky, and further in view of Banker et al. US patent 6,005,938.

As per claim 6, Russo as modified does not teach encoding the movie with a time-based code keys. In similar field of invention, Banker teaches a method of encryption including encrypting with time-based code keys and transmitting keys to the users to enable playback at during certain period of time and prevent authorized uses (see Abstract, fig.2, col.1 lines 37-63, col.4 lines 7-53).

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Hence, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Banker to Russo to encode the movie with a time-based code keys because it would have improved the security of the system.

As per claim 7, Russo combined with Banker teaches transmit a correlated key B to all customers and a time-based key C that are provided to customers who are in good standing. See Banker col.6 lines 55-68 and Russo col.6 lines 15-21, 50-53.

As per claim 8, Russo teaches communicate playback information to the central controller when time based code C are provided (col.6 lines 25-27).

As per claim 9, Russo teaches using phone/modem to communicate to the central controller (fig.2 #140).

As per claims 29-35, and 48-51 they are rejected under similar rationale as for claims 1 + 6-8 above.

Conclusion

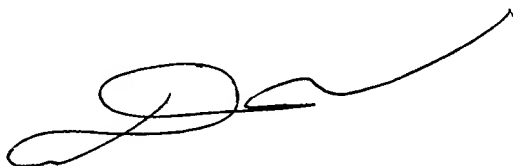
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached at (571) 272-3949.

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Dung Dinh
Primary Examiner
February 4, 2005